Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Fascination with the earth and a desire to learn and record information about it inspired the early explorers of our land and today remain part of our national heritage; and,

Whereas, This legacy is carried on for us in the science of geography; the study of the surface of the globe; and the people, environments, resources, political boundaries, and characteristics of every area; and,

Whereas, For generations, comprehension of world and national geography has been considered essential to the education of Americans, and yet, today, in an interdependent world where knowledge of other lands and cultures is increasingly important, studies show that Americans need more geographical knowledge and should be fully acquainted with our country, our neighbors around the globe, and the oceans and the universe; and,

Whereas, The 2010 National Geography Awareness Week theme is, "Freshwater!":

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim November 14-20, 2010, as

GEOGRAPHY AWARENESS WEEK

in South Dakota, and I encourage all citizens and students to participate in appropriate ceremonies and activities.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-eighth Day of October in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Ten.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State